



## **Benchers**

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Law Society Offices, 200 - 260 St. Mary Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba and Via Videoconference

ITEM	ΤΟΡΙϹ	TIME (min)	SPEAKER	MATERIALS	ACTION		
1.0 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT							
	The President will welcome benchers, guests and staff to the meeting.						
2.0 IN MEMORIAM							
	<b>James Edward Gordon Fielder</b> , who passed away on March 25, 2025 at the age of 70. Mr. Fielder received his call to the Bar on June 25, 1981. Mr. Fielder practised as a partner with Tupper & Adams for 35 years. After leaving private practice in 2017, he served as Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Lynn Lake for two years and then for the Municipality of Russell-Binscarth up to the date of his death.						

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3.0	CONSENT AGENDA						
The Consent Agenda matters are proposed to be dealt with by unanimous consent and without debate. Benchers may seek clarification or ask questions without removing a matter from the consent agenda. Any bencher may request that a consent agenda item be moved to the regular agenda by notifying the President or Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting.							
3.1	Minutes of March 20, 2025 Meeting	5		Attached	Approval		
3.2	Discipline Committee Report			Attached	Information		
4.0	EXECUTIVE REPORTS						
4.1	President's Report	10	Gerri Wiebe, KC	Attached	Briefing		
4.2	CEO Report	15	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing		
4.3	Strategic Plan Progress Report – May 2025	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing		
5.0 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT							
5.1	2025-2026 Committee Composition	10	Wayne Onchulenko	Attached	Discussion/ Decision		
5.2	Awarding of Life Bencher Status to Gerri Wiebe, KC	10	Kyle Dear				
5.3	Thank You to Past President Wayne Onchulenko	10	Kyle Dear				
6.0	DISCUSSION/DECISION						
6.1	Practice and Ethics Committee - Proposed Model Code Amendments: TRC Call to Action 27	15	Ken Mandzuik, KC Noelia Bernardo	Attached	Discussion/ Decision		

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6.2	Proposal for Public Education Campaign	15	Alissa Schacter	Attached	Discussion/ Decision	
7.0	MONITORING REPORTS					
7.1	Continuing Professional Development	15	Rennie Stonyk Eileen Derksen	Attached	Discussion/ Decision	
7.2	Investment Compliance – March 31, 2025	10	Sandra Alleyne	Attached	Briefing	
8.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS						
8.1	Articling Survey Update – Cross-Provincial Comparison	10	Rennie Stonyk	Attached	Briefing	
8.2	The Free Trade and Mobility Within Canada Act	15	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing	
8.3	Richard J. Scott Award Selection Committee	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing	
8.4	Access to Justice Initiative – Phase I Update	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing	
8.5	CPLED – May 2025 Update	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing	
9.0 FOR INFORMATION						
9.1	Media Reports			Attached	Information	